

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Newport News, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

February 13, 2009 to March 13, 2009

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a federally licensed construction activity to determine if it is consistent with the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The act seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation proposes to replace a section of Line VM-127 in the City of Newport News. Columbia must conduct internal inspections of line VM-127 in accordance with U.S. Department of Transportation safety requirements. In order to run the internal inspection device (or "pig") through the pipeline, Columbia must prepare the pipeline for the pig. Project activities would involve the replacement of a 1,143-foot section of 12-inch pipeline with 8-inch pipeline. Construction would occur entirely within an upland location on the north side of the James River. Approximately 2.2 acres (1,300 feet x 75 feet) of land would be disturbed, and some minor tree clearing may be required. Columbia submitted a federal consistency certification that finds the proposed action consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program (also called the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program).

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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